(e) if so, when these incentives would be made applicable; and

(f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Industries manufacturing goods without aid of power are generally small in size. The general small scale exemption scheme which provides certain excise duty concessions based on value of clearances is applicable to most of these goods. In that scheme small scale units are not required to pay any excise duty for clearances upto Rs. 30 lakhs. This concession is considered adequate for small units manufacturing goods without using power. However, in certain exceptional cases, goods manufactured without using power have been fully or partially exempted from excise duty.

(b) Data about labour strength in power using detergent industries and non-power using detergent industry is not available and the time and effort spent in collecting such data may not be commensurate with the result likely to be achieved.

(c) At present there is no proposal to give any further tax incentives for industries not using power.

(d) Generally, it is true that non-power based industries help in reducing electricity consumption.

(e) and (f). Does not arise in view of (a) and (c) above.

Pre-Budget Discussion

2102. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be peased to state :

(a) whether he had held pre-budget discussion with the economists, industrialists, farmers and trade union leaders recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of these discussions;

(c) whether the suggestions made by them have been reflected in the Union Budget for 1994-95; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The Finance Minister held pre-budget discussions with Economists, Industrialists, Agriculturists, Trade Union Leaders, Experts in Science and Technology and the Representatives of the Small Scale Industry during December 3-13, 1993. Such discussions are held every year to invite views from a cross-section of society. The suggestions made in these meetings along with various other representations, memoranda, etc. receivd in the Ministry, are taken into account in preparing the Budget proposals.

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2103. **श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण आनन्द पासवान :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत कोई योजना विश्व बैंक को प्रस्तुत की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो क्या भारत सरकार बिहार सरकार द्वारा राज्य में गरीबी के उन्मूलन हेतु वर्ष 1994-95 में क्रियान्वित करने के लिए कोई महत्वाकांक्षी योजना बनाने जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी नहीं ।